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Basic programme of work of the Council

Basic programme of work and preliminary list of documents for the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretariat

The basic programme of work and preliminary list of documents for the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council will continue to be updated in the course of the preparations for the various segments of the session, pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 61/16 and 68/1 on the strengthening of the Council.

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Basic programme of work and preliminary list of documents for the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council

Organizational session
Thursday, 27 July 2017

Election of the Bureau (item 1)[1]

No advance documentation

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (item 2)[1]

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/2018/1)

Annotated agenda (E/2018/100)

Basic programme of work of the Council (item 3)[1]

Documentation

Basic programme of work and preliminary list of documents for the 2018 session of the Economic and Social Council (E/2018/2)

Operational activities for development segment
Tuesday, 27 February, to Thursday, 1 March 2018

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (item 7)

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system[2] (A/73/63-E/2018/8) (General Assembly resolutions 67/226 and 71/243 and Council resolutions 2014/14 and 2015/15)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: ensuring a better future for all"[2] (A/72/124-E/2018/3) (General Assembly resolution 71/243)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: our promise for dignity, prosperity and peace on a healthy planet"[2] (A/72/684-E/2018/7) (General Assembly resolution 71/243)

[1] Item remains open for the duration of the 2018 session (27 July 2017–26 July 2018).
[2] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2017 (E/2017/34/Rev.1) (Supplement No. 14) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2017 (E/2017/35) (Supplement No. 15) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250, 62/208 and 65/176 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2017 (E/2018/36) (Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 53/192, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on its first and second regular sessions and its annual session of 2017 (General Assembly resolution 64/289 and Council resolution 2011/5)

(c) South-South cooperation for development

No advance documentation

Integration segment
Tuesday, 1 May, to Thursday, 3 May 2018

Integration segment (item 8)

No advance documentation

2018 Development Cooperation Forum[3]
Monday, 21 May, and Tuesday, 22 May 2018

High-level segment (item 5)

(c) Development Cooperation Forum

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation (General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16, 68/1 and 70/299)

[3] Pursuant to Council decision 2018/208 of 10 November 2017 (see E/2018/L.3).

Humanitarian affairs segment
Tuesday, 19 June, to Thursday, 21 June 2018

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (item 9)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolutions 46/182 and 52/12 B and Council resolution 2017/14 and decision 1999/208)

High-level political forum on sustainable development
Monday, 9 July, to Friday, 13 July 2018

High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (item 6)

Documentation

Provisional agenda

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

Progress report on the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up on its 2018 session, including the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum (General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1, 70/192 and 71/217)

Summary by the President of the Council of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187, 65/145, 69/313, 70/1, 70/192 and 71/217 and Council resolutions 2010/26 and 2014/11)

Summary of the discussions of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 70/1)

Executive summaries of voluntary national reviews of volunteer countries at the high-level political forum (General Assembly resolutions 67/290, 70/1 and 70/299)

Synthesis of voluntary submissions by functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums (General Assembly resolutions 70/1 and 70/299)

Reports of the regional meetings on sustainable development (General Assembly resolution 67/290)

Discussion papers by major groups and other relevant stakeholders (General Assembly resolution 67/290)

High-level segment
Monday, 16 July, to Thursday, 19 July 2018

High-level segment (item 5)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the main theme of the Council at its 2018 session, entitled "From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities" (General Assembly resolutions 68/1 and 70/299 and Council decision 2017/208)

(a) Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

Documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution 70/1)

(b) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey 2018 (E/2018/50) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2018 (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1990/52)

(d) Thematic discussion

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the main theme of the Council at its 2018 session, entitled "From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities" (General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16, 68/1 and 70/299 and Council decision 2017/208)

Coordination and management meeting[4]
Monday, 16 April, to Wednesday, 18 April 2018

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (item 4)[5]

Documentation

Annotations relating to elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council (E/2018/1/Add.1)

Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council (E/2018/9 and addenda)

[4] Agenda items and sub-items are grouped according to which of the coordination and management meeting items and sub-items will be considered by the Council. Dates of consideration will be adjusted as necessary, including in the light of availability of relevant documentation.

[5] Item remains open for the duration of the 2018 session (27 July 2017–26 July 2018).

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (item 11)

Documentation

Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition (Council resolution 1999/212 and decision 2011/217)

Report of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (Council resolution 2107 (LXIII) and decision 2018/207)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265, 61/16, 67/290 and 68/1 (item 13)

No advance documentation

Coordination, programme and other questions (item 12)

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2017 (Council resolution 13 (III) and decision 2001/321)

(g) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

No advance documentation

Non-governmental organizations (item 17)

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2018 regular session (E/2018/32 (Part I)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decisions 1995/304 and 2017/276)

Economic and environmental questions (item 18)

(e) Environment

Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme on its third session (A/73/25) (Supplement No. 25) (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 67/251)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fifteenth session (E/2018/45) (Supplement No. 25) (General Assembly resolutions 68/1 and 69/313 and Council resolutions 2013/24 and 2017/2 and decision 2017/251)

(i) Geospatial information

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its seventh session (E/2017/46) (Supplement No. 26) (Council resolutions 2011/24 and 2016/27 and decision 2017/225)

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its thirtieth session (E/2017/80) (Council resolutions 2011/24 and 2016/27 and decision 2016/259)[6]

Report of the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/CONF.105/165) (Council resolutions 2011/24 and 2016/27 and decision 2016/259)[7]

(l) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

No advance documentation

Social and human rights questions (item 19)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-sixth session (E/2018/26) (Supplement No. 6) (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7 and decision 2017/231)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up process (A/73/61-E/2018/4)[2] (General Assembly resolutions 71/163 and 72/145)

(h) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

No advance documentation

Coordination and management meeting[4]

Tuesday, 12 June, to Thursday, 14 June 2018

The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council (item 10)

No advance documentation (Council resolution 2008/29)

[6] Report considered and recommendations contained therein adopted by the Council at the 6th plenary meeting of its 2018 session, on 10 November 2017 (see Council decision 2018/208).

[7] Report considered and recommendations contained therein adopted by the Council at the 6th plenary meeting of its 2018 session, on 10 November 2017 (see Council resolution 2018/2 and decision 2018/209).

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (item 11)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 69/214, 70/201 and 72/216)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up on its 2018 session, including the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum (General Assembly resolutions 69/313, 70/1, 70/192, 71/217 and 72/208)

Summary by the President of the Council of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187, 65/145, 69/313 and 71/217 and Council resolutions 2010/26 and 2014/11)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1998/46 and 2017/28)

Coordination, programme and other questions (item 12)

(c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 62/137 and 65/191 and Council resolution 2017/9)

(f) Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director General of the World Health Organization on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Council resolutions 2013/12, 2014/10, 2015/8 and 2017/8)

Economic and environmental questions (item 18)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twentieth session (E/2018/33) (Supplement No. 13) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-ninth session (E/2018/24) (Supplement No. 4) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and decision 2017/228)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (General Assembly resolution 71/256 and Council resolution 2017/24)

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fifty-first session (E/2018/25) (Supplement No. 5) (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 2017/258)

(j) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-second session (E/2018/27) (Supplement No. 7) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

Social and human rights questions (item 19)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-second session (E/2018/27) (Supplement No. 7) (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1987/22 and 1996/6 and decision 2017/229)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the 2017 sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

(f) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on economic, social and cultural rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2017 sessions (E/2018/22) (Supplement No. 2) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39)

Coordination and management meeting[4]

Monday, 2 July, and Tuesday, 3 July 2018

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 14)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 72/93 and Council resolution 2017/31)

Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution 72/93 and Council resolution 2017/31)

Regional cooperation (item 15)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2018/15 and addenda) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the following surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1):

Economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region (Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States), 2017–2018 (E/2018/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2018 (E/2018/17)

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2018* (E/2018/18)

Economic situation and outlook for Latin America and the Caribbean for the period 2017–2018 (E/2018/19)

Economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region for the period 2017–2018 (E/2018/20)

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (item 16)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the

Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (General Assembly resolution 2017/30)

Economic and environmental questions (item 18)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its seventeenth session (E/2018/44) (Supplement No. 24) (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60 and decision 2017/253)

(k) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its thirteenth session (E/2018/42) (Supplement No. 22) (Council resolutions 2000/35, 2006/49, 2015/33 and 2017/4 and decision 2017/254)

Social and human rights questions (item 19)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-sixth session (E/2017/30/Add.1) (Supplement No. 10A) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-seventh session (E/2018/30) (Supplement No. 10) (Council resolution 1992/1 and decisions 1993/242 and 2017/237)

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixtieth session (E/2017/28/Add.1) (Supplement No. 8A) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixty-first session (E/2018/28) (Supplement No. 8) (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39 and decision 2017/242)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2017 (E/INCB/2017/1) (article 15, paragraph 1, of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs; article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances; and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(g) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its seventeenth session (E/2018/43) (Supplement No. 23) (Council resolution 2000/22 and decisions 2017/248 and 2017/249)

Coordination and management meeting[a]

Tuesday, 24 July, and Wednesday, 25 July 2018

Coordination, programme and other questions (item 12)

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-eighth session (A/73/16) (Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX))

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2020–2021[8]

No advance documentation

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolution 2017/26)

(e) African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan (Council decision 2017/262)

Non-governmental organizations (item 17)

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2018 session (E/2018/32 (Part II)) (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decisions 1995/304 and 2017/276)

Economic and environmental questions (item 18)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twenty-first session (E/2018/31) (Supplement No. 11) (General Assembly resolutions 46/235 and 56/182)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (General Assembly resolutions 68/198, 70/125 and 72/200 and Council resolution 2017/21)

[8] In its resolution 72/266, the General Assembly approved the proposed recommendation to change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020.

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its sixteenth session (General Assembly resolutions 68/1 and 69/313 and Council resolutions 2013/24 and 2017/2)